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I. ARRIVALS --

1. FRANCE. FRENCH PHILOSOPHER JACQUES BERQUES ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI MAY 2 TO ATTEND SEVERAL LOCALLY SPONSORED SEMINARS ON QADHAFI'S "GREEN BOOK." MEDIA REPORT BERQUES MET WITH QADHAFI AND AHMED SHAHATI OF THE FOREIGN LIAISON BUREAU OF THE PEOPLE'S CONGRESS (HIS SPONSOR) AMONG OTHER OFFICIALS.

2. IRAQ. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE ARAB HISTORIANS ASSOCIATION, DR. HUSAYN AMIN, ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI MAY 3 IN PREPARATION FOR THE PROPOSED 1979 HISTORY FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN HONOR OF LIBYA'S FOREMOST HERO, UMAR AL-MUKHTAR.

3. CHAD. LOCAL MEDIA REPORTED MAY 6 THAT CHAD FONMIN
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KAMOUGUE ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI EVENING OF MAY 4. NO OTHER DETAILS OF HIS VISIT OR DEPARTURE REPORTED (TRIPOLI 0700).

4. SOUTH AFRICA. OLIVER TAMBO, IDENTIFIED AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (SOUTH AFRICA) ARRIVED IN LIBYA MAY 4 TO DISCUSS LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. VISIT WAS ARRANGED BY AHMAD SHAHATI'S FOREIGN

LIAISON BUREAU.

5. MALTA. DELEGATION REPRESENTING LIBYAN ARAB-MALTESE FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY VISITED LIBYA MAY 7-11. DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY WIFE OF MALTESE HEALTH MINISTER MORAN. ACCORDING TO MEDIA, MRS. MORAN PRAISED LIBYA AS "OUR POWERFUL SUPPORTER AND BANKER" AND ADDED, "WE LOOK FORWARD TO COMPLETE FREEDOM. IN 1979 BRITISH FORCES WILL BE EVACUATED FROM OUR MALTESE LAND."

6. USSR. RADIO TRIPOLI REPORTED MAY 9 THAT UNDERSEC OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS SHA'ABAN MET WITH A. SHVEDOV, CHIEF OF THE FIRST AFRICAN DIVISION AT THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY. MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY A NUMBER OF DIRECTORS AT THE FOREIGN SECRETARIAT. NEWS REPORT STATED ASPECTS OF COOPERATION WERE DISCUSSED AND VIEWS EXCHANGED ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE FORTHCOMING SPECIAL UN SESSION ON DISARMAMENT.

7. ETHIOPIA. TESFAYE DINKA, THE ETHIOPIAN INDUSTRY MINISTER, ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI MAY 8. THE STATED PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS "TO HELP PROMOTE BILATERAL RELATIONS AND STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC COOPERATION." DINKA'S HOST WAS TREASURY SECRETARY RAJAB. HE IS BELIEVED TO BE SEEKING LIBYAN FINANCIAL BACKING FOR A SUGAR REFINERY.

8. WESTERN SAHARA. MUHAMMAD AL-AMIN, "PRIME MINISTER" OF THE SELF-STYLED ARAB PEOPLE'S SOCIALIST SAHARAN REPUBLIC AND UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPORTANT POLISARIO LEADER, ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI MAY 5 AND MET WITH QADHAFI THE FOLLOWING DAY. AL-AMIN HAS BEEN A FREQUENT VISITOR IN THE PAST, BUT THIS VISIT COMES AT A TIME OF RENEWED SPECULATION ON POSSIBLE LIBYAN MEDIATION ROLE IN THE WESTERN SAHARA.

II. DEPARTURES --

9. SAUDI ARABIA/KUWAIT. OIL SECRETARY IZZ AD-DIN AL-MABRUK VISITED SAUDIA ARABIA MAY 3-9 TO ATTEND OPEC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE. HE FLEW ON TO KUWAIT MAY 9 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OAPEC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

10. EAST GERMANY. A LIBYAN DELEGATION FROM THE SECRETARIAT OF MUNICIPALITIES RETURNED TO TRIPOLI MAY 2 FOLLOWING MONTH LONG VISIT WHICH INCLUDED A SEMINAR ON LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS.

11. BAHRAIN/AFGHANISTAN/PAKISTAN. FONSEC TURAYKI LEFT TRIPOLI MAY 8 FOR SURPRISE VISITS TO AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN WITH REFUELING STOP IN MANAMA. WHILE IN KABUL, TURAYKI MET WITH NEW GOVERNMENT LEADERS AND REPORTEDLY PRESENTED A LETTER FROM QADHAFI OFFERING LIBYAN RECOGNITION

FOR THE LEFTIST REGIME (TRIPOLI 0701).

III. CONFERENCES --

12. CUBA/WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL. IN A SHORT NEWS BULLETIN, LOCAL PRESS REPORTED MAY 10 THAT LIBYAN UNDERSEC FOR YOUTH CHAIRED A MEETING OF THE LIBYAN-CUBAN PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE FORTHCOMING YOUTH AND STUDENT FESTIVAL WHICH WILL BE HELD IN HAVANA BEGINNING JULY 28. NO OTHER DETAILS NOTED. CARLE

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